

of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6224 of November 9, 1990

National Women Veterans Recognition Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Each November 11, on the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I, we pause as a Nation to express our respect and gratitude for veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Today more than one million women stand among this group of distinguished Americans. Indeed, women have served our country with pride, skill, and courage in every overseas combat theater of every conflict since World War I. It is therefore fitting that we mark the week beginning on the anniversary of Armistice Day as a special time to honor America's women veterans.

Serving in every branch of the Armed Forces and in a variety of challenging occupations, women have made vital contributions to our national security. In peacetime as well as in times of conflict and peril, they have demonstrated exemplary devotion to our country and to the principles for which it stands. Many have put themselves in harm's way to help ensure the success of our Nation's military operations. Some have been wounded, and others have given their lives, in the line of duty.

During recent years, the role of women in the Armed Forces has grown. With it has grown public appreciation for the talent, patriotism, and expertise that female military personnel bring to their work. Last December, many Americans noted the important contribution women made to Operation Just Cause, the superbly planned and executed mission to defend the cause of freedom and democratic government in Panama. Today, on the other side of the world, women are among those American troops who are deterring aggression on the sands and off the shores of Saudi Arabia. To these women, and to those who have gone before them in service to our country, we pay a grateful tribute.

In recognition of those women who have volunteered for service in the United States Armed Forces, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 307, has designated November 11 through November 17, 1990, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11 through November 17, 1990, as National Women Veterans Recognition Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6225 of November 9, 1990

National Philanthropy Day, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Henry David Thoreau once observed that "the virtue we appreciate, we to some extent appropriate." We therefore do well to recognize the thoughtfulness and generosity of all those Americans who devote their time, talent, and material resources to philanthropic organizations and activities. By celebrating their many contributions to society, we reaffirm the spirit of voluntary giving and service to others that is one of our Nation's greatest strengths.

Our Nation's history provides ample evidence of the power of individual initiative and voluntary service to others. For example, private donors and individual volunteers have helped to expand educational, recreational, and employment opportunities for our youth; they have established and maintained specialized programs for senior citizens and persons with disabilities; and they have helped to promote the public health and safety. These Americans have also supplied our churches and other religious institutions with valuable material support.

Each day more and more Americans are becoming engaged in philanthropic activities. During 1989 alone, an estimated 75 percent of all households in the United States contributed to charitable organizations, giving a total of nearly \$96 billion. In addition to such generous financial contributions, many Americans are giving of another precious commodity: their time. Through nonprofit philanthropic organizations across the United States, concerned citizens are donating billions of volunteer hours to others.

On National Philanthropy Day, we proudly express our respect and appreciation for all those Americans who devote their time, energy, and material resources to philanthropic endeavors. Our entire country benefits from their magnanimity and hard work, and all of us can be inspired by their example.

In recognition of those who conduct and support the work of our Nation's philanthropic organizations, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 293, has designated November 16, 1990, as "National Philanthropy Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 16, 1990, as National Philanthropy Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.